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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. PCT Appln. No. WO 02/50305, published June 27, 2002 to Murdoch Childrens Research Institute.

2. Kenna, et al., *"Connexin 26 Studies in Patients With Sensorineural Hearing Loss"*, Head Neck Surg., Vol.127, Sup. 2001.

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3. Wiszniewski, et al., *"High Frequency of GJB2 Gene Mutations in Polish Patients with Prelingual Nonsyndromic Deafness"*, Genetic Testing, Vol 5, Number 2, 2001.

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10. Dong, et al. *"Nonradioactive Detection of the Common Connexin 26 167deIT and 35delG Mutations and Frequencies Among Ashkenazi Jews"*, Molecular Genetics and Metabolism 73, 160-163, 2001.

The references were cited in an Official Action dated January 21, 2010 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R.

§1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an Official Action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), the $180.00 fee and statement are enclosed.

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